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REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application.

Claims 1-3 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended. Claim 2 has been canceled. No amendment to the specification has been made. No fee is due.

Record is also made of a telephone interview between applicant's representative and the Examiner which took place on March 28, 2008. The Examiner is thanked for his help and assistance as well as for the courtesies extended to Counsel at that time. During the course of the interview, the present application was extensively discussed, and as a result, applicant now submits this amendment to place the application in formal condition for allowance. More specifically, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 2 and to relate the subject matter to a machine tool. Also the rotation of the spindle has been positively set forth. The Examiner agreed that the subject matter of claim 1 appears to be distinguishable over the prior art of record; however, an updated search is needed to make a final determination about patentability.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is considered patentably differentiated over the prior art of record and believed to be in immediate conditions for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are thus respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawing, then it is respectfully requested that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. If the Examiner feels that it might be helpful in advancing this case by calling the undersigned, applicant would greatly appreciate such a telephone interview.

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